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RUBBER PRODUCTS PLANTS FAIL TO EXPLOIT INVENTIONS;
REPORT PRODUCTION INCREASES, IMPROVEMENTS

CLAIMS PLANTS IGNORE NEW METHODS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 84, 8 Apr 50

Four years ago the chief mechanic of the Krasnyy Treugol'nik Plant designed a mechanical device for cutting rubber. For two years the valuable innovation was abandoned. Finally in March 1949, the new mechanism was tried out and considered satisfactory. However, to this day it is still rusting in the warehouse because no decision can be made on the place to install it.

This is only one of many cases where new suggestions and inventions have failed to be utilized. The fault lies largely with the party committee, which has not shown sufficient interest in new suggestions. Party leaders of the shops have not encouraged competition among inventors. They have exerted so little control over the "rationalizers" that one does not know what the other is doing, and identical suggestions come from different shops.

Criticisms made at a meeting of the City Committee last December were referred to the director of the plant. However, hand labor and antiquated methods still prevail in the manufacture of rubber shoes. The plant has achieved some success in the production of overshoes by stamping. Nevertheless, labor and transport need to be mechanized and conditions at the plant improved.

The plant has, in general, no contracts which would be helpful in matters of mechanization. Its contracts with the Technological Institute imeni Ponsovet, the Textile Institute imeni S. M. Kirov, and others are of no real benefit. These institutes are limited to such matters as sending recommendations and samples; they have no interest in any changes made in the process of production.

-- B. Martynov

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PLANT PLEDGES INCREASED VULCANIZING CAPACITY -- Kommunist, No 86, 11 Apr 50

The Yerevan Tire Plant has made the following pledges, to be fulfilled by 29 November 1950:

To increase vulcanizing capacity 25 percent; to put the No 2 overhead conveyer into operation and mechanize transportation of rubber stock in the preparatory shop; to exceed planned labor productivity not less than 4 percent; to lower cost of production one percent; to decrease consumption of electric power per unit of production 9 percent; to curtail consumption of steam per unit of production 10 percent; and to achieve a 7-percent above-plan accumulation of profit.

TO IMPROVE VULCANIZING APPARATUS -- Sovetskaya Latviya, No 85, 9 Apr 50

Vulcanizing bicycle tires on obsolete apparatus at the Riga Varonis Rubber Plant has resulted in a great number of rejects. A. N. Yarzhemskiy and M. K. Emel'yanov have made suggestions for modernizing this apparatus. The new equipment will be ready in the near future.

RUBBER WORKERS STEP UP METHODS -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 73, 12 Apr 50

Young workers of the Shurab Rubber Plant have had great success in individual competition. Two were awarded honorary titles by the Executive Committee of the Leninabad Oblast Soviet of Workers' Deputies. The young Stakhanovites are constantly trying to improve equipment and methods of work. One brigade is producing 250 percent of its production norms. -- V. Kostousov

NEW RUBBER SHOP PRODUCES TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT -- Kommunist, No 86, 11 Apr 50

A new shop for the production of rubber technical products has been put into operation at the Yerevan Chemical Plant of the Ministry of Local Industry. It started mass production of rubber tubing for electric-wire insulation, rubber liners for transformers, parts for milking machines, and rubber mats. The plant is filling orders from the Armenenergo Plant for oil-resistant rubber plates.

New units are being assembled at the shop, which will increase shop productivity 2-3 times. The shop will be able to satisfy the rubber needs of Armenia and other Transcaucasian republics.

PLANT WANTS TO TRADE MOTORS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 79, 3 Apr 50

The Moscow Mosrezina Rubber Products Plant needs covered electric motors of 30-40 kilowatt capacity capable of developing 700-1,000 revolutions per minute. The plant has for exchange motors up to 30 kilowatts and over 40 kilowatts. Address: Malaya Gruzinskaya, d. 12. -- Advertisement

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